

MEXICO

SECTOR:	Sanitation
PROJECT NAME:	Sustainability of Water Supply and Sanitation Services in Rural Communities (1161/OC-ME)
TOTAL COST:	\$560 million
FINANCING:	
IDB	\$310 million
LOCAL	\$250 million
DATE OF APPROVAL:	December 16, 1998
GENERAL DESCRIPTION:	<p>The program will develop the water supply and sanitation sector in rural communities by: (a) applying standards of quality for water supply and sanitation services; (b) decentralizing responsibilities and financial resources; and (c) providing efficient services to marginalized rural population through sustainable mechanisms, with active, organized community participation. Subprograms include: (a) institutional development; (b) community development and participation; and (c) water supply and sanitation infrastructure.</p> <p>The first subprogram supports decentralization by separating and strengthening sector functions and improving institutional mechanisms in approximately 20 states and 200 municipalities. The subprogram will finance: (a) diagnostic assessments of the institutions involved and of water supply and sanitation infrastructure; (b) designs to separate, strengthen and implement sectoral functions at the state and municipal levels; (c) improvement of state and municipal funding mechanisms for water supply and sanitation system rehabilitation and expansion; (d) federal, state and municipal staff training in the administrative, technical, operational, environmental and social areas; (e) procurement of audiovisual, computer, water quality control, transportation and office equipment; (f) preparation of teaching materials, guides and manuals; and (g) technical supervision, monitoring and performance evaluation systems.</p> <p>The second subprogram strengthens or creates organizations in approximately 1,500 rural communities to operate and maintain water supply and sanitation services, with active participation of all groups in receiving instruction on water use and resource protection. The subprogram will finance: (a) participatory assessments of the existing situation, social reports, and promotion of active participation by all groups in the community, particularly women and indigenous groups; (b) strengthening or design and implementation of community organizations, to foster a sense of ownership and take responsibility for operating and maintaining the systems and paying the associated costs; (c) training courses in operation, maintenance, and administrative and financial management, including the use and distribution of audiovisual material, guides and manuals; (d) courses for target communities on health and environmental matters, including participatory techniques to heighten public consciousness about the culture of water supply, basic sanitation, hygiene, and changes in behavior; and (e) implementation by municipal and state institutions of technical assistance strategies to support community organizations.</p>

The third subprogram supports the processes of institutional development, community development, and community participation by the building of new works and the rehabilitation and expansion of existing water supply and sanitation systems to benefit marginalized rural communities of up to 2,500 inhabitants. The subprogram would finance: (a) water supply systems in some 1,200 communities; and (b) approximately 400,000 sanitation solutions in some 950 communities.

CONSULTANTS:

Execution of the program will require the use of consulting and supervisory services for all program components, to be selected through both international competitive bidding and local channels. A comprehensive midterm review will be required, which may be done by consultants. Throughout the five years of project execution, a firm of independent public accountants will be retained to audit the annual financial statements for the program.

GOODS AND EQUIPMENT:

Audiovisual, computer, water-quality control, transportation and office equipment will be procured and installed.

CIVIL WORKS:

Execution of the program will require the contracting of civil works, including water supply systems and sanitation solutions in rural communities.

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